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1. SUMMARY. SOVIET PRESS HIGHLIGHTS:

-- SOVIETSKAYA ROSSIYA SAYS U.S. FOLLOWING "EXPAN-
SIONIST MILITARY-STRATEGIC" AIMS IN ANGOLA (SEPTTEL);

--OTHER COVERAGE ON THE U.S. IS SOMEWHAT MUTED,
THROUGH AN IZVESTIYA COMMENTARY ON THE RABIN VISIT IMPLIES
U.S. TALKED RABIN OUT OF ADVOCACY FOR CONVENING GENEVA;

-- PRAVDA SAYS ONE REASON CUBAN INTERNATIONAL
AUTHORITY IS GROWING IS BECAUSE OF ITS ASSISTANCE TO
NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS;

-- PRAVDA EXPLAINS AT LENGTH JAPANESE REACTION TO
EXTENSION OF U.S. FISHING WATERS TO 200 MILES, BUT SAYS
NOTHING ABOUT SOVIET CONCERNS;

-- PRAVDA REPORTS ATLAS EXPRESS EXERCISE "DIRECTLY
ON BORDER" OF USSR;

-- PRAVDA GIVES DETAILED EXCERPTS FROM CZECH
PLENARY STATEMENT AT MBFR FEB 5;

-- THE PRESS CONTINUES CRITICISM OF THE FRG TELE-
VISION PROGRAM ON SOVIET SPIES;

-- AN PRAVDA PRINTS NEARLY A FULL PAGE OF A
PARAPHRASED AND EXCERPTED MARCHAIS' REPORT TO THE PCF
CONGRESS. END SUMMARY.

2. U.S. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA IN SIGNED COMMENTARY ATTACKS
WESTERN "ALARMISTS" INCLUDING SULZBERGER, BELGIAN
DEFENSE MINISTER BOEYNANTS, TORY LEADER THATCHER AND
OTHERS FOR EXAGGERATING SOVIET DEFENSE EFFORT WHILE
OVERLOOKING U.S. MILITARY BUDGET. ARTICLE CONTENTS U.S.
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MILITARY SPENDING PARTIALLY DEVOTED TO HINDERING NATIONAL
LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. IZVESTIYA REPORTS NUCLEAR EXPLOSION
AT NEVADA TEST SITE, AND PRAVDA NOTES MEETING FEB 5 BETWEEN
SALT DELEGATION HEADS. PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA SAY CONCORDE
DECISION IS TEMPORARY SOLUTION ARRIVED AT TO AVOID
TRANS-ATLANTIC POLITICAL TENSIONS. IZVESTIYA SAYS U.S.
ATTEMPTING TO RETAIN THAILAND IN ITS SPHERE OF INFLUENCE,
AND IS CONSULTING WITH THAI GOVERNMENT ON RETENTION OF

3,000 ADVISERS BEYOND PRESENT TROOP REMOVAL DEADLINE.

3. CUBA. PRAVDA COMMENTARY SAYS THAT TRUDEAU VISIT TO CUBA IS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THAT STATE'S GROWING INTERNATIONAL WEIGHT, NOTING INCREASING CALLS EVEN IN THE U.S. FOR RECOGNITION. COMMENTARY ASSERTS THAT "THE AUTHORITY AND INTERNATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE OF CUBA IS GROWING (ALSO) AS A RESULT OF ITS ACTIVE AND CONSEQUENT SUPPORT OF THE STRUGGLE OF PEOPLES FOR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE."

4. MIDDLE EAST. IZVESTIYA IN A SIGNED COMMENTARY USES AMERICAN PRESS TO DOCUMENT ITS ASSERTIONS THAT RABIN DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO THE U.S. MADE IT CLEAR THAT ISRAEL DOES NOT INTEND TO CHANGE ITS "OBSTRUCTUIONIST" POSITION ON THE MIDDLE EAST. RABIN, ACCORDING TO IZVESTIYA, NOT ONLY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH U.S. ARMS AID, BUT ADDED THAT IT EXCEEDED HIS EXPECTATIONS. COMMENTARY TAKES SEVERAL FAIRLY TOUGH SHOTS AT THE U.S.: IT SAYS THAT THE RABIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE U.S. TOOK PLACE "ONLY TO PRESERVE THE APPEARANCE OF U.S. INTEREST IN A FINAL SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST"; AND THAT RABIN, WHO BEFORE THE NEGOTIATIONS CALLED FOR RECONVENING THE MEPC, AFTER THE NEGOTIATIONS SAID THAT "THERE IS SOME DOUBT THAT THE MEPC WILL BE RECONVENED"--OPEN IMPLICATION BEING THAT THE U.S. CONVINCED RABIN TO DROP HI PROPOSAL. PRAVDA REPORTS THAT LANCE MISSILES HAVE NOW BEEN DELIVERED TO ISRAEL, QUOTING U.S. PRESS SOURCES THAT 100-200 WERE PURCHASED FROM THE U.S. ARTICLE NOTES, AS USUAL, THAT LANCE CAN CARRY NUCLEAR WARHEADS.

5. LAW OF THE SEA. PRAVDA REPORTS FROM TOKYO THAT JAPANESE FISHING OFFICIALS CALL U.S. EXTENSION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FISHING LIMITS "ILLEGAL", AND THAT SAME OFFICIALS SAY THAT JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IS "INCLINED" NOT TO RECOGNIZE U.S. RIGHT TO ESTABLISH TERRITORIAL LIMITS IN THE BERING SEA. THE PRAVDA REPORT PUTS IN JAPANESE MOUTHS "DIS-SATISFACTION" OVER ATTEMPTS BY CONGRESS TO PRE-EMPT THE LOS DECISION. COMMENT. WE HAVE SEEN NO OTHER SOVIET REACTION TO U.S. EXTENSION OF FISHING LIMITS. END COMMENT.

6. NATO. PRAVDA REPORTS ATLAS EXPRESS EXERCISE IN NORWAY TO INVOLVE 17,000 TROOPS. REPORT IS STRAIGHT-FORWARD, WITH ONLY EDITORIAL COMMENT BEING THAT EXERCISE WILL TAKE PLACE "DIRECTLY ON THE BORDER WITH THE SOVIET UNION." IZVESTIYA CRITICIZES NORWEGIAN GENERAL JOHANNSON FOR ADVOCATING THAT NATO TROOPS BE STATIONED IN NORWAY

IN PEACE TIME.

7. MBFR. PRAVDA REPORTS THAT CZECH DELEGATION HEAD LAHODA IN PLENARY FEB 5 CHARACTERIZED EASTERN PROPOSALS AS "BROAD BASIS ON WHICH TO ACHIEVE MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT." HE ALLEGEDLY SAID THAT PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIONS DEPENDS ON STRICT OBSERVANCE OF PRINCIPLES AGREED TO AT PREPARATORY ROUND, ESPECIALLY NON-DIMINUTION OF SECURITY, AND THAT ALL DIRECT PARTICIPANTS MUST ACCEPT EQUAL OBLIGATIONS FOR REDUCTION OF ALL TYPES OF WEAPONS.

8. FRG. PRAVDA REPLAYS WEST GERMAN COMMUNIST PAPER CONDEMNATION OF THE KONZELMANN EXPOSE ON SOVIET SPIES, REPEATING THAT AUTHORS OF THE PROGRAM WERE ATTEMPTING "TO DIVERT PUBLIC ATTENTION AROUSED BY CIA MACHINATIONS" AND "TO THROW A LIFE SAVER" TO THE CIA.

9. COMMUNIST AFFAIRS. PRAVDA REPRINTS NEARLY A FULL PAGE OF EXCERPTS FROM THE MARCHAIS REPORT TO THE PCF CONGRESS. WITHOUT THE ORIGINAL TEXT WE CANNOT JUDGE WHAT OMISSIONS ARE MADE. VAST MAJORITY OF TEXT AS PRINTED DEALS WITH PLIGHT OF FRENCH WORKERS. VERSION HAS MARCHAIS PRAISING PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE BUT NOT ENDORSING DETENTE AS A SOCIAL BENEFIT FOR THE LEFT. TEXT HAS HIM SPEAKING OUT AGAINST VIOLATION OF ELEMENTARY HUMAN RIGHTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN FRANCE AND "ADDRESSING QUESTION" OF DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT--WITH SOME EXPLANATION OF HIS REMARKS ON LATTER WHICH APPEARS DELIBERATELY VAGUE. PRAVDA ALSO BRIEFLY REPORTS ON KADAR SPEECH IN BUDAPEST, NOTING INTER ALIA HIS STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR CONVENING THE ECPC. STOESSEL

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